

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 411 - SB 497

March 7, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004982): Expands the definition of “wine” to include the product of normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of dried fruit or other agricultural products, not to exceed an alcoholic content of 21 percent by volume. Clarifies that no other product may be called “wine” unless designated by appropriate prefixes descriptive of the fruit or other product from which the same was predominantly produced, or as an artificial or imitation wine. Removes reference declaring that wine does not mean alcohol derived from wine that has had substantial changes to the wine due to the addition of flavorings and additives.

Changes the definition of “beer” to include a beverage made from the normal alcoholic fermentation of malt or other cereal grains, sugar, or fruit ingredients used to make cider that does not contain distilled spirits or “wine”. Adds the requirement that “beer” must have at least 51 percent alcoholic content by weight that is obtained from the fermentation of malt, other cereal grains, sugar, apples, or pears.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by DOR, the proposed legislation would not change how wine or beer is currently taxed; therefore, any impact to state or local revenues will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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